



The East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers

88th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2015

President

Mrs Margaret Large

Vice Presidents

Robert Everest

Andrew Brock

Robin Grant

Roger Cowsill

Officers

Chairman	David Threlfall
Ringing Master	Robin Grant
Secretary	Patrick Wills
Asst Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Michael Bullett
C.C. Rep	Kate Desbottes

Committee

Iain Davey

Sheila Marsh

Mary Ayres

Trustees of the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund (Registered as a Charity)

David Threlfall

Michael Bullett

Andrew Brock

Candy O'Donovan

Chairman's Report for 2015

The first meeting of 2015 was the January quarterly meeting at Reigate which was attended by 25 members and friends. Thanks are recorded to the Reigate ringers for their warm welcome, Alison Elson for taking the service, Joy Perrett for accompanying the singing, Gail for making the arrangements and Sheila, Gail, Roger and Rosalind for providing the tea. We wished Alison well as she moves toward her induction in 2016. Your committee also met in January at Andrew Brock's home to arrange the programme for the coming year and finalise arrangements for the dinner.

Our annual dinner this year took place at the Brambletye Hotel in Forest Row on the 21st. February. This was a very well attended event which was enjoyed by all, and members and guests had ample opportunity to catch up with all the news and gossip.

The AGM for 2015 took place at Colemans Hatch in March. Roger and Rosalind, with the help of Rosalind's Mum and Dad, supplied a sumptuous tea for the 33 members who were present. Margaret Large was re-elected President and vice presidents Robert Everest, Andrew Brock, Robin Grant and Roger Cowsill were also re-elected en-bloc. David Threlfall was re-elected chairman and Mike Bullett was re-elected treasurer. The position of secretary was filled by Patrick Wills following the retirement of Rosalind Cowsill. Susan Holliman expressed the wish to give up the post of assistant secretary and with nobody being willing to stand, the post was left unfilled at the present time. Also committee members Iain Davey, Mary Ayres, and Sheila Marsh were re-elected. Finally, the chairman and treasurer, along with Candy O'Donovan and Andrew Brock were elected to serve as trustees of the EJ Oliver Memorial Fund.

The evening meeting in April attracted eleven members to the six bell tower at Ockley and as usual there was no meeting in May. The quarterly meeting in June took us to the eight bell tower of Sevenoaks. We were let in by local ringer Michael and after a service we were entertained for tea in the lovely new crypt of St. Nicholas church. We have to thank Yvonne for bringing the meeting attendance book and Gail for bringing meeting cards. After the meeting, where new member Caroline Stackman of Sevenoaks was elected, we rang again in the evening.

The July outing took place in Kent. It attracted 18 ringers and a few non ringing friends and relations. We visited Brookland, Lydd, New Romney, Warehorne and Lympe as well as the Warren Inn for lunch. Lovely weather, good ringing, good company and a fine lunch. Well done and thanks

to Patrick for organising it. Following on from the tour was the evening ringing meeting at Barcombe which was attended by ten members.

September found 16 of our membership at Merstham in Surrey. Outside the church you could hear the constant hum of the M25 but all was quiet and calm inside. Gail Terry arrived with the key and with Robin incapacitated Anthony Leeves stepped in to organise the ringing. Thanks to Mark Pullinger for leading a very enjoyable service and accompanying us on the organ as well. We won't forget the hymn chosen for the ringers because it spoke of the marvellous "Doings" heard on high. Thanks also to Jack Pease for making the arrangement for us to ring, Ruth Goodsir and Margaret Funnel for reading the lessons and Gail, Margaret and Rosalind for providing the tea. Finally, we were able to welcome Suki Edge-Partington as a new member of the Guild.

In October ten of our number found our way to Seal Chart. It proved quite tricky to find. We were met by a local ringer who helped us ring the bells up. After ringing we went to the local pub which proved very welcoming. I certainly intend to visit there again. In November we rang at the eight bell tower of Redhill and once again, Gail Terry turned up with the key. There were twelve ringers at Redhill. Moving on to the final ringing meeting of the year sixteen members arrived for what was unusually an afternoon ring which was followed by mince pies and hot drinks. I was very pleased to see our youngest member, Oliver, at this meeting.

Congratulations to Patrick who completes his first year as secretary. Not only has he come to grips with the workings of the Guild but he also successfully organised our day ringing outing. Thanks also to Robin for arranging the ringing and helping many of us to make progress in our ringing ability. I am also very pleased to be able to report that both Robin Grant and Alan Baldock have both recovered from surgery and are up and ringing again.

Finally, your committee is aware that 2016 is our 90th anniversary year and plans are in hand for a special dinner and guest and a celebratory peal to mark the occasion. Please try to ensure that the Guild has an increasing membership for the celebration.

David Threlfall

THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

as at 31 March 2015

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received		201.00		150.00
Net tea income		74.00		0.00
Badge sales		0.00		27.00
Bank interest received		0.87		0.29
Donations received		35.00		2.00
		<u>310.87</u>		<u>179.29</u>
Expenditure				
CC Affiliation fee	30.00		30.00	
Ringling World advertising	50.00		50.00	
Website costs	0.00		0.00	
Meeting costs	137.00		30.00	
Other costs (flowers for retiring secretary)	30.00		0.00	
		<u>247.00</u>		<u>110.00</u>
Net income before dinner contribution		63.87		69.29
Received from members	638.00		1,071.00	
Cost of dinner	(636.45)		(1,071.00)	
Raffle proceeds	97.50		71.00	
		<u>99.05</u>		<u>71.00</u>
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		<u><u>£162.92</u></u>		<u><u>£140.29</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

		2015		2014	
		£		£	
Assets					
Bank accounts	Current	91.24		1,965.69	
	Deposit	2,654.07		653.20	
Cash in hand		0.00		28.00	
		<u>2,745.31</u>		<u>2,646.89</u>	
Liabilities	Due to E J Oliver Fund	0.00		64.50	
		<u><u>£2,745.31</u></u>		<u><u>£2,582.39</u></u>	
Represented by					
General reserves b/f		2,582.39		2,442.10	
Net result for the year		162.92		140.29	
Reserves c/f		<u><u>£2,745.31</u></u>		<u><u>£2,582.39</u></u>	

Approved by the Committee on 1 February 2016 and signed on their behalf by

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David Threlfall
Chairman

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M L S Bullett FCA
Hon. Treasurer

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ROPE FUND
KNOWN AS THE E J OLIVER MEMORIAL FUND**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

The Fund was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (England & Wales) in 1980 under registration number 280023 under legislation which is now in the Charities Act 2011

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The Trust

The Fund was established many years ago and was registered with the Charity Commission in June 1980 and operates under the working name of The E J Oliver Memorial Fund. The Rules of the Fund are set by the members of The East Grinstead & District Guild of Church Bell Ringers ("The Guild"). Under The Rules the Chairman and the Treasurer of The Guild, who are appointed by the members of the Guild, are ex officio trustees and the members of the Guild also appoint 2 further trustees from among The Guild membership.

Trustees

During the year the Trustees were:

David Threlfall (Chairman)
Andrew Brock
Michael Bullett - Treasurer
Anthony Leeves (until 14 March 2015)
Candy O'Donovan (from 14 March 2015)

On appointment the Chairman instructs the Trustees on the objects of the charity and the way in which it operates.

Charitable status

The Fund is a charity and, although because of its small size is not required to do so, has registered voluntarily with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 280023.

Objects of the Trust

The advancement of Christian religion by providing financial assistance mainly but not entirely, within East and West Sussex, Surrey and Kent, for the purpose of purchasing ropes to enable church bells to be rung in the English tradition.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit, and have taken it into account in planning the activities of the Trust.

The Trust provides grants in accordance with its objectives. As such the Trustees consider that it fulfils its public benefit requirements.

Activities during the Year

The trustees did not receive any requests for grants during the year and thus none were made.

Future Activity

The Trustees will continue to monitor matters in 2015 and, if appropriate requests are made, will make grants.

Financial results

There was a surplus of £42.93 (2014 £97.96). Included in this was a goodwill payment from Barclays Bank as compensation for failing to put in place changes in a timely manner and £12 being the surplus arising on the redemption of the Trust's investment in War Loan. The net assets of the Trust at 31 December 2015 were £1,482.30 (2014 £1,439.37).

Connected party transactions and trustee benefits.

There were no connected party transactions and no trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from The Fund.

Reserves policy

All of the funds are held for the general purposes of the Fund. The trustees retain sufficient reserves to make appropriate grants when these are requested.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified the risks to which they consider the Trust is exposed and have taken steps to control and minimise those risks. Systems are in place to monitor these risks, to report on them as appropriate and to take action where necessary to safeguard the Trust.

Independent examination or audit of the accounts

As the Trust has gross income of less than £25,000 a year it is not required to have the Financial Statements either audited or independently examined. The Trustees have decided that it would be appropriate to take advantage of this to save costs and accordingly a resolution to change the Rules to allow this was passed by the Guild members at the AGM of The Guild held on 14 March 2015.

Signed

David Threlfall - Chairman
12 March 2016

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Registered charity number 280023

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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Principal office of The Fund

The Briars
Horam
Heathfield
East Sussex
TN21 0HA

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
8 Calverley Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent, TN1 2TB

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report and the Financial Statements of the Trust in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, and of the movement in funds for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 Accounting & Reporting by Charities;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting Policies

- (i) The Fixed Asset investments are shown at original cost.
- (ii) Income is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as it arises.
- (iii) Grants are recorded once the Trustees have given a commitment to make one.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from donors				
Donations received - Barclays Bank goodwill payment		30.00		10.94
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations from tea money and collections from quarterly meetings		0.00		84.50
Investment income				
Bank interest received	0.35		0.36	
Dividend received	0.58		2.16	
		0.93		2.52
Total incoming resources		30.93		97.96
Resources used				
Grants awarded	0.00		0.00	
Total resources used		0.00		0.00
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		30.93		97.96
Gains and losses on investments				
Realised gains(losses)		12.00		0.00
Net movement in funds surplus/(deficit)		42.93		97.96
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2015		1,439.37		1,341.41
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2015		<u>£1,482.30</u>		<u>£1,439.37</u>

The last grant was paid to Crawley tower in 2009

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
Assets		
£62.00 3½% War Loan stock at cost - Market value £62 (2014 £ 53)	0.00	50.00
Bank accounts Current	796.90	608.88
Deposit	685.40	685.05
Amount due from The East Grinstead & District Guild of Church Bell Ringers	0.00	64.50
Cash in hand	0.00	30.94
	<u>1,482.30</u>	<u>1,439.37</u>
Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Net assets	<u>£1,482.30</u>	<u>£1,439.37</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	857.30	814.37
Legacy Fund	625.00	625.00
	<u>£1,482.30</u>	<u>£1,439.37</u>

Note: The Legacy Fund is unrestricted and undesignated but the Trustees wish to show legacies received as a separate fund to remember the generosity of past donors.

Approved by the Trustees on 12 March 2016 and signed on their behalf by

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M L S Bullett FCA
Hon. Treasurer

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David Threlfall
Chairman